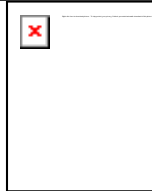


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Trout Unlimited released a statement last week expressing its disappointment regarding a [letter from Sen. David Vitter](#) asking that the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment be reversed. The Assessment represents nearly three years of work and analysis, and makes several undisputed conclusions, including that Bristol Bay hosts the world's largest sockeye salmon run and that digging a massive open-pit mine in its watershed would harm salmon and spawning areas.

"We suggest that the Senator engage in some deep study of Bristol Bay – as the EPA has done – and meet with its stakeholder groups before he tries to weigh in on a crucial issue to Alaskans and Bristol Bay residents and derail important work recognizing the importance of the greatest sockeye salmon fishery in the world," said Shoren Brown, Bristol Bay Campaign Director for Trout Unlimited.

And, in Northern Nevada, a professor authored an opinion piece in the Nevada Appeal about Pebble, saying that it will be three times as large as Utah's Kennecott copper mine and jeopardize Bristol Bay's unique salmon factory.

Ursula Carlson says this is a situation where fishing and mining can't safely coexist. She writes: "Keeping the open pit dry, in turn, involves extensive and continual "de-watering" or pumping of the streams, which depletes the water the spawning salmon need. Even if the water is returned to the streams as discharge, the chance of it being identical to the pristine original water the salmon know by scent as the location where each was spawned is slim, if not nonexistent."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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